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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the Yakutat Area set gillnet fishery.

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020 with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh is six inches.

The department is requesting that any live Chinook salmon caught in the Alsek River be released.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday June 21, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday June 21, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 21, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27′ N lat, 139°32.62′ W long to a regulation marker directly across the inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long to a regulation marker northwest on Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long, and south of the regulation marker at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°34.64′ W long;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery for Chinook salmon is closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to those in need in the community.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 21, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0420.

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